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ROLL BEARING UNIT

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

SIR:

In advance of the first office action, please amend the claims as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Replace current claims 1 - 6 by the enclosed amended claims 1 - 6. A marked-up version of amended claims 1 - 6 is also enclosed.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 6 are in the application.

As a result of the foregoing amendment, the claims have been amended to remove improper multiple dependencies.

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